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In the application of:

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For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Examiner: Bradley Smith

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Action mailed September 27, 2005, applicants elect to prosecute the method of Species 2 as denominated by the Examiner, comprising forming a groove and rounding a corner of the groove, *without traverse*. Claims 3-10 read on the elected species.

The Examiner is authorized to cancel the non-elected claims upon the indication of allowable subject matter in this application.

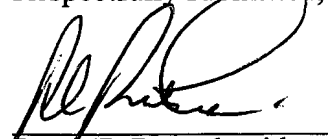
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for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952**, referencing Docket No. **492322016900**.

Respectfully submitted,

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